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SUBJ: REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN IN UN STATISTICAL REPORTING

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1. AMB. BENNETT TOOK OCCASION OF UNSC MEETING DEC. 15 TO MEET WITH SYG WALDHEIM IN LATTER'S SC OFFICE TO DISCUSS ISSUE OF BERLIN IN UN DEMOGRAPHIC YEARBOOK. AT BENNETT'S SUGGESTION UK PERM REP MAITLAND AND FRENCH PERM REP GUIRINGAUD JOINED MEETING BUT ASKED BENNETT TO BE SPOKESMAN FOR THREE.

2. BENNETT SAID HE WAS AWARE GDR PERM REP FLORIN HAD MADE DEMARCHE TO SYG CONCERNING PROPOSED REFERENCE TO "BERLIN (EAST)" IN LIST OF GDR CITIES AND TO THE FACT THAT BOTH HEADINGS GDR AND FRG ARE FOOTNOTED AS FOLLOWS: "SEPARATE DATA SUPPLIED FOR BERLIN (EAST) AND BERLIN (WEST) RESPECTIVELY, THE LATTER BEING REPRESENTED IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE QUADRI-
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PARTITE AGREEMENT OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1971. THE FORM OF

REPRESENTATION OF THESE STATISTICS AND THE TERMINOLOGY EMPLOYED ARE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY QUESTION OF STATUS WHICH MAY BE INVOLVED." FLORIN PROPOSED THAT LIST OF GDR CITIES REFER TO "BERLIN" AND THAT THE FOOTNOTE BE KEYED ONLY TO THE ENTRY "BERLIN (WEST)" UNDER FRG AND THAT IT READ AS FOLLOWS: "DATA SUPPLIED BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, WHICH REPRESENTS BERLIN (WEST) IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1971."

3. BENNETT URGED SYG NOT TO MAKE ANY OF THE ALTERATIONS PROPOSED BY FLORIN. WITH REGARD TO THE FOOTNOTE, HE SAID EAST BERLIN AND WEST BERLIN SHOULD BE TREATED IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY, AND SINGLING OUT WEST BERLIN AS PROPOSED BY FLORIN WOULD HAVE THE UNACCEPTABLE IMPLICATION THAT THE FRG'S POSITION IN WEST BERLIN IS LESS LEGITIMATE THAN THAT OF THE GDR IN EAST BERLIN. WITH REGARD TO FLORIN'S DESIRE TO REPLACE "BERLIN (EAST)" WITH "BERLIN" IN THE LIST OF GDR CITIES, BENNETT SUPPORTED BY MAITLAND AND GUIRINGAUD, EMPHASIZED THAT ALL OF BERLIN STILL FALLS UNDER FOUR POWER RESPONSIBILITY. FLORIN'S SUGGESTION CARRIES THE UNACCEPTABLE IMPLICATION THAT THE GDR HAS AUTHORITY OVER WEST BERLIN.

4. SYG SAID THAT FLORIN HAD OFTEN POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT IN TREATIES TO WHICH FRG IS A PARTY THE GDR CAPITAL IS ALWAYS DENOMINATED "BERLIN". MAITLAND OBSERVED THAT FOR PURPOSES OF INTERNAL REFERENCE THIS IS LEGITIMATE ENOUGH AND COMPARABLE FRG AGREEMENTS PROBABLY REFER TO WEST BERLIN AS "BERLIN." SYG DID NOT COMMIT HIMSELF TO OUR TRIPARTITE APPROACH BUT AT ONE POINT SAID HE BELIEVED THE YEARBOOK HAD NOW GONE TO PRESS IN VERSION ACCEPTABLE TO THREE POWERS AND FRG.

5. FRG PERMREP GEHLOFF HAD MADE SIMILAR DEMARCHE TO SYG DEC. 12. FRG MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT SOV MISSION REP VISITED SYG DEC. 14 TO REINFORCE FLORIN'S PROTESTS, LAYING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE PLAN TO LIST THE GDR CAPITAL AS "BERLIN (EAST)". HE REPORTEDLY SAID SOVS COULD NEVER ACCEPT THIS.

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6. COMMENT: DESPITE SYG'S COMMENT TO THREE AMBASSADORS THAT THE YEARBOOK HAD ALREADY GONE TO PRESS UNALTERED, IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT WE ARE OUT OF THE WOODS WITH THIS ONE YET. BENNETT

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